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I brought up the question of restrictions on shipping to Cuba, in the course of a recent conversation with the foreign minister. He said that in the past Icelandic ships had occasionally made trips to Cuba to deliver Icelandic products and to bring back sugar. He said that he did not believe that such trips would be affected by our contemplated restrictions, but that he did not want to run the risk of any one-time [illegible] regarding Icelandic shipping. He had therefore [illegible] all Icelandic ship owners that it would not be advisable for Icelandic ships to call at Cuban ports in the future. He explained that he had no legal authority to enforce this advice, but he was reasonably confident that Icelandic ship owners would abide by it.

Date: October 12, 1962

James K. Penfield